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In re the Application of:

SIMPSON

Serial No.: 09/923,320

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
NOTIFYING AN OFFLINE
GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK
USER OF AN ONLINE
INTERACTION

Art Unit: 2152

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

Applicant also wishes to make of record in the above-identified application her knowledge of a shipment notification system operated by J.C. Penney. In particular, Applicant believes that J.C. Penney operated an automated notification system to notify customers whose product shipments have been received at a retail store. According to the system, after a customer orders a product, and that product arrives at a retail store, the automated notification system places a telephone call to the customer and plays a message advising the customer that the product has arrived.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. BS01-066 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not represent that any referenced document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that one or more of the referenced documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the reference or references.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any referenced document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

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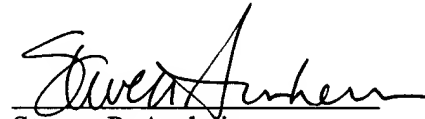
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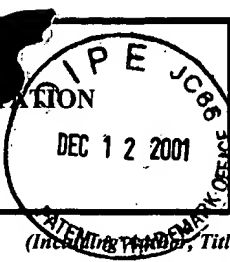
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